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SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, & JOINT SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 (9:00 a.m.)
Hickel Room
Centennial Hall
101 Eagan Drive
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Juneau. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), announces the Joint, Northern, and Southern Southeast Regional Planning Teams fall 2012 meeting will be held at the above time and place. The Regional Planning Teams (RPT) consists of representatives of salmon fishing gear groups and ADF&G personnel. RPTs were established by the Commissioner of ADF&G for the purpose of development and amendment of comprehensive salmon plans; making recommendations concerning private non-profit hatchery permits and permit alteration requests (PARs); and making recommendations concerning the allocation of enhanced fish throughout Southeast. This meeting is open to the public.

The Southern RPT will review two PARs from Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association: 1) move a portion of Crystal Lake Hatchery king salmon to a new release site (no increase in production), and 2) increase Burnett Inlet Hatchery coho salmon permitted capacity to allow eyed-eggs to come from Whitman Lake Hatchery for the Neck Lake/Neets Bay project (no increase in production).

The Northern RPT will review a hatchery permit application from Sustainable Salmon Institute. The proposed hatchery would be located in Baranof Warm Springs and would have a permitted capacity of a combined three million green coho and king salmon eggs.

The Joint RPT will review two topics: 1) protocols for letters of recommendation sent from the Joint RPT to the Alaska Board of Fisheries concerning proposals with allocation of enhanced salmon implications, 2) recommend a methodology for allocation value calculations for Hidden Falls when using a tax assessment. The Joint RPT will also discuss SHA management, a potential PAR to increase Port Armstrong Hatchery chum salmon from 30 million to 50 million green eggs, and possibly additional hatchery topics.

Should you have special needs in order to participate in this meeting or for copies of the agenda or additional information, please contact Mr. Pryor (Garold.Pryor@alaska.gov).

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